

MPC 5.c - Attachment 2: Eugene Regional Transportation Planning – 2010

Description of Request

Background

This agenda item addresses previously allocated STP-U funds from Eugene's W. 11th Corridor Study in the amount of \$50,000, approved by the MPC in 2006. Subsequent amendments have slipped this funding to 2009 in order to allow for integration with LTD's EmX corridor planning. The contract for the W. 11th Corridor Study ended on December 31, 2010 and the remaining STP-U funds from this project total \$32,771.23.

This proposal would reprogram the unused planning funds from the W. 11th Corridor Study to allow for continuation of work in this corridor under the City of Eugene's RTP support project.

Eugene Regional Transportation Planning/W. 11th Corridor Study

The City of Eugene continues to actively work with LTD and other partners and stakeholders on a transit solution for the W.11th Corridor including collaboration on the West Eugene EmX planning. This work is specified as a task for the City of Eugene under the RTP/Long Range Planning section of the FY10-11 Unified Planning Work Program, as follows:

"Conduct facility studies, transportation system plans, and other related studies in partnership with MPO agencies on projects including West 11th Avenue Transportation Corridor Study, City of Eugene TSP Update, Walnut Station Mixed Use Center, Razor Park Mixed Use Center, Opportunity Siting and Infill Compatibility Standards, and Willamette River Open Space Vision."

This proposal would add approximately \$32,771 of funds that were not used in the W. 11th Corridor Study (ODOT Key Number 15261). The remaining funds from the W.11th Corridor Study are proposed to be moved into the active project: Eugene Regional Transportation Planning -2010. The proposed action is the most efficient way to get those funds back under contract and to continue their use toward the purpose for which they were originally designated.

This is a non-administrative action as it moves STP-U funds approved by MPC from one project to another.

Public Input

The Central lane MPO Public Participation Plan recommends a 30-day public comment period prior to the approval of STP-U funding, as well as an MPC public hearing, notice to interested parties, and a web notice.

In compliance with this direction, notice has been distributed to the MPOs Interested Parties List, which contains over 600 transportation stakeholders, and posted to the

MPO website www.thempo.org. A public comment period on the proposed funding began on Friday, February 5th and will end Monday, March 8th at 5:00 pm. A public hearing was held at the February 11th MPC meeting.

Three public comments have been submitted addressing this funding adjustment, summarized as follows:

Comment 1: Nancy Ellen Locke

Ms. Locke expressed support for the funding adjustment.

Comment 2: Nancy Ellen Locke

Ms. Locke expressed support for the proposed adjustment in funding. Ms. Locke also commented on the need to provide infill sidewalks in Eugene and Springfield where there are currently gaps in sidewalk infrastructure. Ms. Locke recommended that these current gaps be first addressed on busy streets, working to achieve an all encompassing sidewalk system of connectivity within the next 20 years.

Comment 3: Carl Sundberg

Mr. Sundberg expressed concern about the language used in the public notice. Mr. Sundberg indicated that the notice was ambiguous and was not targeted for many users of the transportation system.

Staff acknowledges Mr. Sundberg's comments and is continually seeking ways to improve outreach and communication with area residents.

Recommendations

TPC reviewed the request for reprogramming the STP-U funding at their January 28, 2010 meeting. TPC unanimously recommended reprogramming the \$32,771 in unused STP-U funds from the W. 11th Corridor Study to the Eugene Regional Transportation Planning -2010, pending the results of the public comment and MPC review.